## THE FEDERAL BUDGET IN FISCAL YEAR 2020

### A CLOSER LOOK AT DISCRETIONARY SPENDING



Spending that lawmakers control annually through appropriation acts

# AT A GLANCE



the federal

government

in **2020** 

\$0.9 Trillion

Outlays for nondefense programs, which accounted for more than half of the discretionary total, in 2020 **7.8**% of GDP

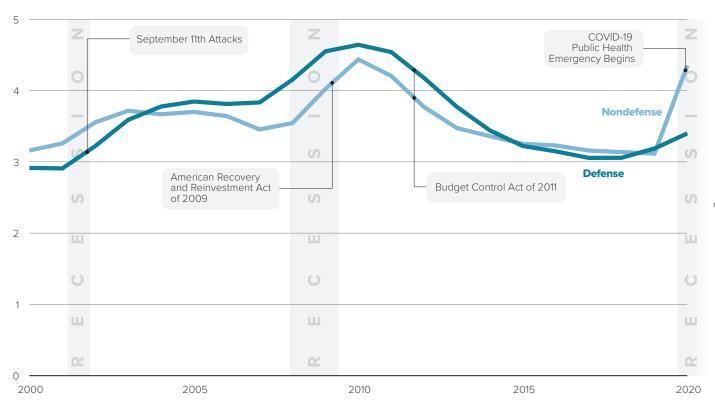
Discretionary outlays in **2020** 



Average discretionary outlays between **2000** and **2019** 

#### TRENDS IN **DISCRETIONARY** SPENDING

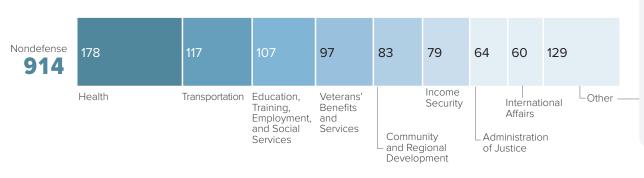
Outlays, as a Percentage of Gross Domestic Product



The first month of the most recent recession was March 2020.

### **DISCRETIONARY** SPENDING IN 2020

Billions of Dollars



Includes outlays for natural resources and the environment; general science, space, and technology; general government; agriculture; administrative costs of Medicare and Social Security; energy; and commerce and housing credit programs

